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ADVANCED HANDGUN (09E)
24 hours

Advanced handgun training - required for the entry-level personal protection specialist who wishes to have a firearms endorsement and optional for other armed registrants. The entry-level handgun training is a prerequisite for taking the advanced handgun training.

A. Advanced handgun classroom training – 24 hours; 6VAC20-171-390

1. Introduction

- a. Duties and Responsibilities of the Personal Protection Specialist
- b. Decision-Making
- c. Appropriate Use of a Weapon
- d. Criteria for Selection of Appropriate Weapon
 - 1) Discretion
 - 2) Conceal ability
 - 3) Stopping Power
 - 4) Holster Selection
 - 5) Ammunition Selection
 - 6) Double-Action Only
- e. Nomenclature

2. Proper care of the weapon;

- a. Firearm Maintenance

3. Civil liability of the use of firearms;

- a. Civil Liability, Title 42 US Code Section 1983
- b. Statutory Violations, Code of Virginia
- c. Vicarious Liability
 - 1) To employers and supervisors
 - 2) To instructors

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4. Criminal liability of the use of firearms;

- a. Criminal Liability, Title 18 US Code Section 242
- b. Statutory Violations, Code of Virginia
- c. Vicarious Liability
 - 1) To employers and supervisors
 - 2) To instructors

5. Weapons retention;

6. Deadly force;

- a. Deadly Force Defined
 - 1) Firearm is absolutely last resort to save LIFE, not property
 - 2) Ability, Opportunity, Jeopardy
 - 3) Reckless, Endangerment
 - 4) Deadly Force as it relates to other Levels of Force
- b. Specific “what if” examples for discussion
 - 1) Legal Consequences of the use of a firearm
 - 2) Moral Consequences of the use of a firearm
 - 3) Practical Consequences of the use of a firearm

7. Justifiable deadly force;

8. Range safety;

9. Practical firearms handling;

- a. General Safety Guidelines
 - 1) Safety at Home
 - 2) Safety on the Range
 - 3) Safety on Duty
 - 4) Safety during Maintenance

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b. Functioning of the Selected Weapon

- 1) Revolver
 - a) Double vs. single action
 - b) Possible malfunctions and corrective actions
 - c) Weapon Maintenance
- 2) Semi-automatic Pistol
 - a) Double vs. single action
 - b) Possible malfunctions and corrective actions

c. Loading and Unloading

- 1) Safe Situation
- 2) Combat Situation

10. Principles of marksmanship; and

- a. Body Position – Standing Erect
- b. Grip – Acquired in the Holster
 - 1) Supported and Unsupported
 - 2) Strong Hand
 - 3) Weak Hand
- c. Draw from Hip Holster (Directional Draw Only)
 - 1) Straight Forward Motion
 - 2) Finger off Trigger until on Target
- d. Sight Alignment
- e. Sight Picture
- f. Trigger Control
- g. Breath Control
- h. Follow Through
- i. Safe Re-holster

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11. Decision-making for the personal protection specialist.

A. Review of Personal Protection Specialist Operational Priorities

1. Protection of the protectee is usually best accomplished by cover and evacuation, NOT return fire
2. Review of remote circumstances that may necessitate deadly force within personal protection operations

B. Written examination required.

C. Range qualification (no minimum hours).

D. Course: Virginia Private Security Advanced Handgun Course of Fire.

Note: While this training is Optional, *it is MANDATED for Personal Protection Specialist registrants who will have access to a firearm during the course of their duties.*